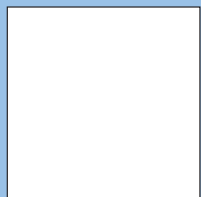
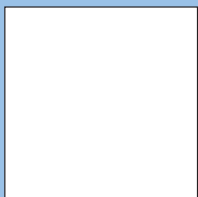


Passport Stamps

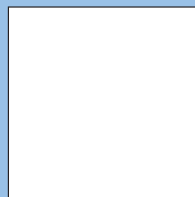
Collect the following passport stamps as you enjoy your science odyssey. See map for passport stamp stations.



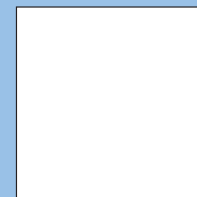
The USGS, the sole science agency for the Department of the Interior, is valued by thousands of partners and customers for its natural science expertise.



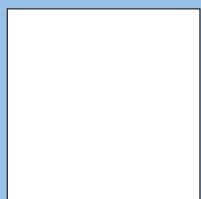
There are many ways of finding and mining the minerals that our society needs; in California, people still pan for gold as they did during the Gold Rush 150 years ago.



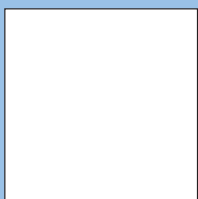
Understanding the environment and natural resources around us helps keep our communities safe and healthy.



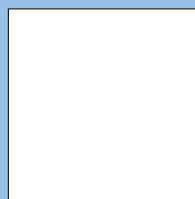
Digital data and Internet access let us see our world in new and exciting ways.



Scientists at the USGS study the rare and common plants and animals that share the Earth with us.



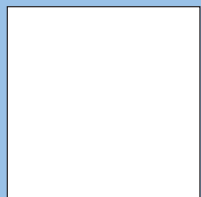
The huge printing press can print as many as 1.3 maps every second!



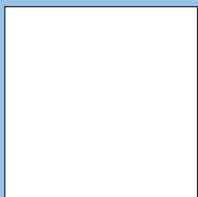
Water is our most valuable natural resource. About 95 percent of our freshwater outside of glaciers and icecaps is found in underground aquifers, or water-bearing layers of rock.



You can learn a lot working for the USGS as an employee or a volunteer--and it can be fun!



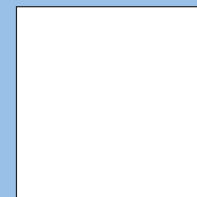
The Earth is one large ecosystem made up of many smaller ecosystems, which change in response to natural processes and human actions.



Fossils are the traces and remains of animals and plants that lived in the past.



Maps are drawings or pictures of places; they can show the land surface or what lies beneath.



Natural hazards are present in communities across the United States; by understanding your local risks, you can be prepared for nature's extremes.